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### WHAT TO READ.

Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler Gives the Names of the Books that Have Helped Him—Hints that All May Follow.

I have been requested to mention some of the books that have been of most value to me. I do not include in this list those volumes which belong to the critical apparatus of all Biblical students and sermon makers, such as expositions, commentaries, etc. In my childhood, spent in a farm house, the range of juvenile literature was very limited, comprising only "Robinson Crusoe," "Sanford and Merton" and a few others. This drove me to books for people of adult years. The first book, next to God's own book, that enchained my early thoughts, and has never yet been dethroned, was Bunyan's immortal "Pilgrim's Progress." It taught me the beauty and power of pure, undiluted, idiomatic English; for in this respect it even surpasses Shakespeare. It grounded me in sound theology; for outside of the Epistle to the Romans there is no richer compend of orthodox theology. It is a most searching exhibition of the human heart; and inexhaustible for devotional reading; all the while it quickens the imagination also, and furnishes no end of pulpit illustrations. There ought to be a chair of Bible instruction in every college; and in every theological seminary a few good lectures on Bunyan's great allegories.

During my student days in the seminary appeared the biography of the Rev. Robert Murray McCheyne, and if I shall ever meet Dr. Andrew A. Bonar in Heaven I shall thank him again, as I often have in this world, for that por-

traiture of a model minister of Jesus Christ. It is doubtful whether McCheyne if he had lived to an old age would have been more useful than he is in the pages of that quickening biography. Every young minister ought to read it at least once in every year. Fifteen minutes spent over it always brings a glimpse of eternity into my study. Biographical works have always been a favorite reading with me, although the faultless specimens of that style of literature are very few. Boswell's "Life of Dr. Johnson," Dean Stanley's "Life of Dr. Arnold," Trevelyan's "Life of Lord Macaulay," the "Life of Dr. Channing," by his nephew, and the "Life of Dr. Norman McLeod," belong to this scanty repertorium of almost perfect biographies. Edward Payson of Portland had a prodigious influence on my early ministry in spite of his nervous melancholy. Dr. Chalmers' life gives a grand idea of how immense a human life can be; he walks into my study like a giant. The biographies of heroic characters, like Dr. Livingstone, William Wilberforce, and the missionaries Brainard, Martyn, and Judson have always been an inspiration to unselfish toil for the Master.

Richard Cecil's little volume of "Remains," now probably out of print, gave me a hundred precious hints; for he had an immense amount of sanctified common sense, and of deep spirituality. He is the man who said "Always have a because to meet the why," and also said that "a warm, blundering man often does more good in the world than a frigid wise man." Alongside of Cecil, I have kept Charles G. Finney's "Lecture on Revivals of Religion." They are Sinaitic

thunder and chain-lightning; and the reading of them always sets me on fire. In these days of lumber-backed laxities, Finney is a grand tonic for young ministers. It was the perusal of those pungent lectures that inspired young George Williams to start the first Young Men's Christian Association in London fifty years ago.

With my passion for pastoral work I welcomed Dr. Spencer's remarkable "Pastors' Sketches," volumes that exhibit a sort of Shakspearean insight into the human heart. I devoured those two volumes, and read them aloud to my people in our weekly prayer meetings in Market Street Church. Dealing with awakened inquirers is a vitally important part of every faithful minister's work; and Dr. Spencer shows us just how to handle almost every variety of difficult cases. Among the books that have helped me in one of the most important spheres of ministerial labor I give great prominence to the unique volumes of Dr. Ichabod S. Spencer of Brooklyn.

During my student days at Princeton, the brilliant papers of Lord Macaulay appeared in a collected form in this country; and Carlyle's first books were also com-

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